

refusal to participate in the Medicaid expansion created by the Affordable Care act puts the poor residents in my state in Jeopardy.

So the 56th anniversary of Medicaid is bittersweet for Texans because while we celebrate a program that has saved lives, helped people live longer, expanded care to marginalized communities, and reduced disparities in access to healthcare, thousands of low income Texans still do not have the peace of mind that comes with access to affordable, quality health care enjoyed by low-income residents of states that have expanded their Medicaid program with funds made possible by the Affordable Care Act.

In the 18th Congressional District of Texas there are 195,400 persons with Medicaid and 74,704 with medical care provided by Medicare.

Madam Speaker, my constituents favor the Affordable Care Act because they understand the insecurity and feeling of helplessness of being uninsured or underinsured.

Like Medicare and Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," was vehemently opposed and derided by its adversaries, who said it was too costly, would not work, was unnecessary, or would change the character of America for the worse.

Like the critics of Social Security, Medicare, and the G.I. Bill, all of whom are silent now, they are wrong.

The Affordable Care Act has been an unqualified success.

This historic legislation has extended affordable health coverage to tens of millions of Americans and has helped to bring peace of mind to many of those for whom relief seemed far out of reach.

The Affordable Care Act was driven by a simple premise: that citizens of the most prosperous nation on earth should not be forced to choose between their health and their financial security.

Since the passage of the ACA in 2010, the number of uninsured, Americans has fallen by nearly one-third, or roughly 16 million people.

These Americans come from all walks of life.

They are women, who can no longer be denied coverage or be forced to pay exorbitant amounts for coverage simply because of their sex.

They are nine million seniors and persons with disabilities, who have saved an average of \$1,600 on expensive and lifesaving prescription medication.

And they are this country's most at risk citizens; people who are working hard and struggling make ends meet while living in near-poverty, and who have been covered by Medicaid expansion in 32 states and the District of Columbia.

These benefits have been felt across the country, especially in my home state of Texas:

1. 10. 7 million individuals with pre-existing conditions such as asthma, cancer, or diabetes—including up to 1,632,000 children—no longer have to worry about being denied coverage or charged higher prices because of their health status or history;

2. 4.9 million uninsured Texans have new health insurance options through Medicaid or private health plans in the ACA Marketplace; and

3. 5.2 million persons on private insurance have gained coverage for at least one free preventive health care service such as a

mammogram, birth control, or an immunization in 2011 and 2012.

In addition to the tangible healthcare benefits for millions of families, the ACA has had powerful effects on the financial state of our nation.

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we have extended the solvency of the Medicare Trust fund by more than a decade and helped save taxpayers \$116 billion through new Medicare efficiencies.

The Department of Health and Human Services has estimated that hospitals saved more than \$5.7 billion in costs that would have normally gone unpaid by patients without insurance.

Contrary to the claims of the ACA's critics, private insurance companies have leaped at the opportunity to compete for business among the newly insured, and the healthcare industry has boomed.

Through all of these successes, however, House Republicans remained obsessed with destroying this law, and unraveling the security it provides to millions of Americans.

Medicare and Medicaid also continue to drive innovation and set the standard for coverage, quality, and innovation in American healthcare.

Madam Speaker, Medicare and Medicaid continue to play crucial roles in providing equitable and affordable healthcare, leading innovation in payment and delivery reform, carrying out outreach to the most vulnerable communities, and reshaping the delivery of care for the future.

Because of these programs, more Americans have access to affordable, equitable health care today than at any point in our history.

And I am committed to making sure that number will continue to grow.

On this 56th anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid, we should remember that a healthy America is a prosperous America.

And as we look ahead to the next half century, we can celebrate that what was put in place in 1965 has given us the foundation for a healthy and prosperous future for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLEE WARD ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Ashlee Ward. Ashlee will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of track and field. She and her fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Meyers High School, Ashlee was a star member of the track and field team. She held

the records in high jump and discus. At the PIAA District 2 Championship in 2007, she was the high jump champion and placed fourth in discus. She went on to take eighth place in high jump at the PIAA State Championship. The following year, Ashlee again came out on top to take first place in high jump at the District 2 Championship, as well as second place in discus. She was sixth in the state for the high jump. In 2009, she placed second in high jump and third in discus at the District Championships and ninth in the state for high jump. Her senior year, she was crowned the District 2 Champion in both discus and high jump, and she was second in the state for high jump and fourth in discus.

While at Misericordia University, she held the school records in high jump and discus as well as the Middle Atlantic Conference indoor and outdoor high jump records. Her freshman year, at the MAC Indoor Championships, she was runner-up in high jump, and at the MAC Outdoor Championship, she was named Field Athlete of the Year and Champion in high jump and discus. At the NCAA Outdoor qualifier, she was 12th in high jump; at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Indoor Championship, she placed sixth in the high jump; and at the Outdoor Championship, she earned A11-ECAC outdoor honors after placing fifth in the high jump, as well as 11th in discus.

Her sophomore year, she was named the MAC Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus as well as the MAC Indoor Runner Up in high jump. She also participated in the Indoor and Outdoor ECAC Championships and the NCAA District III Outdoor Championships. As a junior, she continued to dominate the MAC as the Indoor Champion in high jump and the Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus. She also placed in the top five at both the indoor and outdoor ECAC Championships in high jump.

Ashlee had an incredibly successful senior season. She was the MAC Indoor High Jump Champion as well as the MAC Outdoor High Jump Champion and runner up in discus. She went on to compete at the ECAC Outdoor Championships, winning the gold in high jump and placing seventh in discus. She triumphed at the NCAA Division III Indoor and Outdoor Championships, placing first in high jump at both contests. For her efforts, she was named the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Women's Athlete of the Year for the Mideast Region.

It is an honor to recognize Ashlee on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILL" ZAMMER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of William "Bill" Zammer, an entrepreneur and devoted philanthropist on Cape Cod.

A native of Norristown, Pennsylvania, Bill was widely known throughout his adopted home of Cape Cod as a leader in the hospitality industry. He was equally known for his

willingness to step up to support countless charitable causes in the community.

Moving to Cape Cod in 1988, Bill operated a number of establishments throughout the region over the years including: The Flying Bridge, the Coonamesset Inn, The Red Horse Inn, Tugboats, the Popponesset Inn, the Picnic Box, and Clancy's, among others. Owning and operating restaurants came naturally to Bill after serving in the 1980's as President and CEO of the Seilers/Sodexo Corporation, overseeing 15,000 employees working in facilities across the nation.

A gifted executive, prior to his time in the hospitality industry, Bill spent two years as the President & Publisher of Tribune Publishing Company and also served as the as a director at the Tufts New England Medical Center. Realizing a need to further his education in order to start his own business, Bill enrolled at Northeastern University where he received his M.B.A. and, most importantly, where he met his partner in life Linda Raub Zammer.

Bill was firmly committed to helping his community. Whether he and Linda were advocating for his industry as a past President of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, fighting for educational opportunities for Cape Cod students, supporting our veterans and active servicemembers, leading the Cape Symphony and Conservatory as a Director or helping foster children, their generosity of time and spirit was endless. They were recognized time after time for this, including as the Philanthropists of the Year from the Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands. Bill also served on many boards, including with Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, among others. Most recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to supporting his long-time employees who were out-of-work, Bill stepped up to help lead the Falmouth Cares Business Roundtable, which worked to support other businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Bill Zammer never stopped moving, and the reminders of his investment in the greater Cape community will live on as a testament to his work. Among his greatest legacies will be the professional lives he changed in the hospitality industry. His employees were his second family and many advanced their careers through the Linda and William Zammer Hospitality Institute at Cape Cod Community College.

His greatest love, though, was always his family: his wife, Linda, his children Robert, Peter, and Joanne, his eight grandchildren, his mother, Wanda, and his three siblings. Madam Speaker, Bill Zammer's "life well lived" has positively touched thousands of lives on Cape Cod through his professional abilities and good works and I am proud to have been his friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, due to a constituent meeting, I was unable to cast my vote on July 29, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 253.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEWELL COLBERT'S RETIREMENT

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the exceptional, lifelong public service career of Mr. Jewell Colbert. As an agent of the Social Security Administration, his service to our community, our country, and the federal government is invaluable. A dedicated public servant such as himself is more than deserving of praise.

Mr. Colbert began his career in 1986 with the Social Security Administration, working as a Claims Representative in St. Joseph, Missouri. He would then ascend the agency's ranks, becoming Operations Supervisor, District Manager, Project Manager, and most recently, Regional Communications Director. Mr. Colbert remained committed to educating and empowering the community around him through social security programs and undoubtedly impacted countless individuals. The last decade of his career as Regional Communications Director was especially significant. He continued his dedicated loyalty as a civil servant to the public and organization he served, demonstrating steadfast leadership throughout his senior positions. His devotion to people, public service, and inspiring leadership were hallmarks of his career.

During Mr. Colbert's time at the Social Security Administration, the agency played a significant role in improving the lives of thousands. In the 1990s, the SSA was established as an independent agency and immediately began working on behalf of the American people. During this time, the SSA defined itself by expanding Disability and Supplemental Security Income programs and aiding the public in personal financial planning. In the 2000s, the SSA created the "Final Rule" doctrine, which set a standard for quick determination of benefits for disabled individuals. It also established certain rights these individuals would have, such as a federal review of state ruling. These advances were incredibly beneficial, especially to those who could not work and rely on Social Security benefits to pay for necessities. The progress made by the Social Security Administration during Mr. Colbert's career had a lasting impact still in place today.

The selfless spirit of service displayed by Mr. Colbert throughout his career is a shining example of the lessons taught to us in scripture. Acts 20:35 reads, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Mr. Colbert exemplified this statement through his hard work and dedication to his community. His leadership and service provided aid to those who most needed it and was integral in making Social Security programs inclusive and accessible to the public.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Jewell Colbert's lifetime of public service. His immense impact will continue through the multitude of lives he improved. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth District, I wish Mr. Colbert great joy and relaxation in retirement.

HONORING MAPLE LEAF FARMS CEO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TERRY TUCKER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry Tucker, who retired this summer after decades at the helm of Maple Leaf Farms in Leesburg, Indiana. Under his leadership, this family-owned business has become a top duck producer in North America, as well as a major center of economic growth and job creation in our community.

A lifelong Hoosier, Terry has firsthand experience with the many tasks required to run a busy duck farm. His history with Maple Leaf Farms began as a part-time job in high school when his tasks ranged from cleaning out duck barns to loading ducks for transport to processing plants.

While he was in college at Purdue University, Terry married Sandra Wentzel, the daughter of Maple Leaf Farms founder Donald Wentzel. After graduating with a degree in agriculture economics, Terry returned to the farm full time in 1963 and quickly demonstrated leadership and business acumen. He was named treasurer in 1966 and, after Donald's death, was promoted to executive vice president in 1968. As Maple Leaf Farms grew in both capacity and numbers, Terry's responsibilities continued to increase. In 1974, he was named chief executive officer, president, and chairman of the board of Maple Leaf Farms.

For more than 30 years, Terry strategically led Maple Leaf Farms and invested in its growth. Under his leadership, the Tucker Family expanded and modernized the farm's operations, including acquiring the United States' largest duck producer, C&D Foods of Wisconsin, constructing new biosecure facilities, and doubling the capacity of its Indiana duck processing plant.

In 2001, Terry stepped down as president of the company and turned this responsibility over to his sons, Scott and John, who serve as co-presidents for the company. Since then, he has remained incredibly active in Maple Leaf Farms as CEO and chairman of the board of directors, helping to lead this Indiana company into the 21st century.

In addition to his work at Maple Leaf Farms, Terry also has volunteered his time and expertise to invest in our region and the industry, serving on many boards, including Lakeland Financial Corporation, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Purdue Research Foundation, Liberty Mutual, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Indiana State Poultry Association, Poultry & Egg Institute of America, and the Indiana Institute of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition. In recognition of his accomplishments, Terry has been honored with many awards, including an Honorary Doctorate of Agriculture from Purdue University in 1995.

Terry and his wife, Sandra, have invested decades of hard work to our region, building a successful business and feeding American families. They are incredible leaders in our community and have made remarkable contributions to this vital industry.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Terry Tucker for his